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Councilmember Chu Receives Freedom Fighter Award

(San José, CA) – On Saturday, May 8, 2010, Councilmember Kansen Chu was presented with the prestigious Freedom Fighter Awards by the San José/Silicon Valley NAACP at their 58th Annual Freedom and Friendship Banquet, held at the Crowne Plaza in San José.

Councilmember Chu was selected to receive one of the San José/Silicon Valley NAACP Annual Freedom and Friendship Awards because of his commitment to the Silicon Valley community.

“I am honored to have been selected to receive the Freedom Fighter Award,” said Chu. “The NAACP has made a significant impact in our society and continues the great tradition of empowering individuals throughout our community through its San José/Silicon Valley branch.”

The Freedom Fighters Awards are given to those who have been nominated and selected for demonstrating a superior commitment to our community by continuously advocating for equal rights, educational equality, human rights, workers rights, social justice, economic equality, or have shown they support conversations and ideas about how to improve race relations for people of color in our community. Councilmember Ash Kalra was also a recipient of this award.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is the oldest, largest, and strongest civil rights organization in the United States. Founded in 1909, the NAACP’s mission is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic quality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

The San José/Silicon Valley Branch of the NAACP was founded in 1952 and celebrated NAACP’s 101th year this weekend.

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